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ARIZONA ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION: 8/24/89;  
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List of participants in  
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 9 GOVERNMENT CRIMES SECTION.

10 SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS; UNSUBS; POTENTIAL VIOLENCE AT WINDOW  
 11 ROCK, ARIZONA ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION; 8/24/89; CIR; OO:  
 12 PHOENIX.

13 ON 8/23/89, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) OFFICIALS FROM  
 14 ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THE PHOENIX FBI AND BIA OFFICIALS  
 15 AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, THAT 25 SIOUX INDIANS LEFT ROSEBUD,

16 [REDACTED]  
 17 [REDACTED]

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SOUTH DAKOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEMONSTRATION AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, WITH RUSSELL MEANS ON 8/24/89.

JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR OF THE BIA AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, ADVISED THE PHOENIX FBI ON 8/23/89, THAT HE HEARD FROM THE NAVAJO POLICE THAT RUSSELL MEANS HAD TELEPHONED THE NAVAJO POLICE, NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NDPS) ON 8/23/89, AND TOLD THEM THAT HE WAS PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION AND MARCH TO WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA ON 8/24/89, BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. MEANS ALSO TOLD THE UNIDENTIFIED POLICE OFFICER THAT HE WAS PLANNING A PEACEFUL MARCH, BUT COULD NOT RULE OUT VIOLENCE ON THE PART OF DEMONSTRATORS.

ON 8/23/89, SA [REDACTED] GALLUP, NEW MEXICO RESIDENT AGENT, PHOENIX DIVISION, ATTENDED A MEETING IN WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE PLANNED DEMONSTRATION. ATTENDING, WERE MAJOR GEORGE JOHN, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE, NDPS, JAMES STEVENS, BIA, AND NUMEROUS OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCILMAN FROM FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT HE IS A LOCAL AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) MEMBER, BUT DOES NOT SUPPORT MEANS OR HIS VIOLENT METHODS. HE SAID MEANS WOULD RECEIVE NO LOCAL AIM SUPPORT. MAJOR JOHN ADVISED THAT HE

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HAS EVERY AVAILABLE POLICE OFFICER ON SCHEDULED DUTY FOR 8/24/89, AND WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE DEMONSTRATION. TRIBAL ATTORNEYS ADVISED THAT MEANS WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN NAVAJO TRIBAL COURT ON 8/24/89, FOR THE JULY ASSAULT ON JAMES STEVENS, BUT THE APPEARANCE HAS BEEN CONTINUED.

MAJOR JOHN WAS ADVISED BY SA [REDACTED] THAT NO FBI AGENTS WILL BE PRESENT TO WITNESS THE DEMONSTRATION, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATE ANY CRIMES WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION.

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LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION AT ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA:

WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE 25 ABOVE-MENTIONED SIOUX INDIANS WHO TRAVELLED TO ARIZONA TO DETERMINE THEIR KNOWN POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE.

PHOENIX DIVISION AT GALLUP, NEW MEXICO:

WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH TRIBAL POLICE AND BIA OFFICIALS AND WILL KEEP FBIHQ UPDATED ON ACTIVITIES. A COPY OF THIS IS DIRECTED TO ALBUQUERQUE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

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## Means to lead protest march through W.R.

WINDOW ROCK — Indian activist Russell Means will be leading a protest march in Window Rock today.

Means said Wednesday the march was being held in connection with his trial in tribal court on charges of resisting arrest and assault, resulting from an incident involving BIA Area Director James Stevens six weeks ago. That trial, however, has been postponed until mid-September.

In a radio statement, Means said that a number of his supporters in the American Indian Movement have come to show their support.

Estimates Wednesday indicated that between 20 and 40 AIM members, as well as 40 to 50 Navajos, are expected to take place in the march, which will begin about 11 a.m. at the Willie Keeto home near the state line on State Highway 264 and go to the tribal courthouse. The protest, which will include speeches from Means and his supporters, is expected to last until 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.

This will be the first demonstration on the reservation since the July 20th demonstration in which two protestors were killed by gunshots.

Means told reporters Wednesday that this will be a peaceful march.

A press statement from the tribe late Wednesday criticized the non-Navajos for getting involved in what tribal officials see as a Navajo issue.

"This controversy is an internal matter of the Navajo Nation and has been dealt with by the council and courts. This group of outsiders should not be involved and should stay out of a Navajo issue," the release stated.

The statement said that Interim Chairman Leonard Haskie has taken action to protect Navajo offices and employees and has asked that everyone connected with the march obey road blocks and security checks to "assure that workers are not harrassed and work is not disrupted."

"The Navajo Nation respects the right of its citizens to protest and the rights of every American citizen to freedom of speech and the right to assemble," Haskie said.

However, he said he realized that the march was starting in the same place as the one on July 20 and put Means and Keeto on notice that they will be held responsible "for any violence or destruction of property" that occurs as a result of this demonstration.

He also stated that any report of use by any demonstrator of any kind of weapon or firearm would be prohibited and "will be grounds for the immediate dispersal of the assembly by tribal police."

Other rules mentioned in Haskie's executive order called for protestors to stay off the paved highway unless directed to do so by police officers and once at the police building, to assemble in the east parking lot.

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# Memorandum



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Subject: RUSSELL MEANS;  
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POTENTIAL VIOLENCE AT  
WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA,  
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On 8/24/89, RUSSELL MEANS and numerous supporters peacefully marched on Window Rock, Arizona. MEANS gave a speech and the demonstration peacefully concluded.

Since no violence occurred as a result of the march, this matter should be closed.

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